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SUBJECT: TRAVEL TO AFGHANISTAN OF U.S. CITIZENS OF AFGHAN
ORIGIN

1. THE DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED TWO RECENT APPROACHES FROM U.S. CITIZENS OF AFGHAN ORIGIN WHO ARE EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING FORMAL GOA APPROVAL TO VISIT AFGHANISTAN. THE DEPARTMENT HAS DISCUSSED THE SITUATION WITH THE AFGHAN EMBASSY AND THEY HAVE REFERRED THE MATTER TO KABUL, THUS FAR WITHOUT RESPONSE.

2. THE AFGHAN EMBASSY, INFORMALLY, HAS ADVISED THE DEPARTMENT THAT IT IS UNABLE TO ISSUE VISAS TO NATURALIZED U.S. CITIZENS, BORN IN AFGHANISTAN, WITHOUT KABUL'S APPROVAL. IN THE EMBASSY'S VIEW, THE INDIVIDUALS CONCERNED REMAIN AFGHAN CITIZENS UNLESS THEY FORMALLY RENOUNCED AFGHAN CITIZENSHIP PRIOR TO THEIR ADOPTION OF U.S. NATIONALITY. IF
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THIS FORMAL RENUNCIATION, BEFORE AN AFGHAN CONSUL, DID NOT TAKE PLACE, THE INDIVIDUALS REPORTEDLY ARE IN VIOLATION OF AFGHAN LAW AND COULD FACE PROSECUTION IF THEY VISIT THEIR COUNTRY OF BIRTH.

3. EVEN IF THE FORMAL RENUNCIATION DID PRECEDE U.S. NATURALIZATION, THE EMBASSY IS UNCLEAR AS REGARDS THE IN-

DIVIDUALS LEGAL STATUS IN AFGHANISTAN AND HAS EXPRESSED UNCERTAINTY AS TO WHETHER THEY WOULD BE SUBJECT TO AFGHAN TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS OR OTHER CONTROLS.

4. THE AFGHAN EMBASSY HAS INFORMED THE DEPARTMENT (PAB) THAT AMBASSADOR MALIKYAR INTENDS TO TAKE THIS MATTER UP DURING HIS COMING CONSULTATIONS, URGING THAT THE ISSUE BE SPEEDILY RESOLVED IN VIEW OF ITS POTENTIAL PUBLIC RELATIONS AND HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS IMPACT.

5. IN ANTICIPATION OF THIS, AND TO ENABLE US TO RESPOND TO U.S. CITIZEN INQUIRIES, DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE THE EMBASSY'S ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN A CLARIFICATION OF THE AFGHAN POLICY FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, STRESSING OUR HUMANITARIAN INTEREST AND DESIRE THAT THIS MATTER NOT BECOME AN ISSUE OF CONTENTION.

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